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## Sad Death of Rufus A. Harman

Rufus A. Harman, son of Rev. J. N. and Mrs. Bettie Harman, died last Saturday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at the Sanatorium, in the 23rd year of his age, after an illness of about a month. His death was due to typhoid fever, and perhaps a complication of other diseases. The burial took place from the Christian Church, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, of which he was Chancellor Commander at the time of his death. Rev. Mr. Elmore, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Harless and the Editor of this paper, made short addresses. An unusual and touching incident was the address made by Rev. J. N. Harman, father of the deceased—an address full of loving, tender testimony to the exalted character of his dead boy, which touched the hearts of every one. Mr. Harman leaves a young wife and two small children, besides his parents, three brothers and four sisters, and a large number of other relatives to mourn his untimely death. The interment took place in the new cemetery. The simple yet solemn service of the Knights of Pythias was read by Rev. Mr. Elmore, acting Chaplain. The funeral procession was the largest ever assembled in this country, perhaps, attesting the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

At the time of his death Mr. Harman was General Agent of the South Atlantic Life Insurance Company, of Richmond, for South West Virginia, in which relation he had been phenomenally successful. He was also Vice-President of the Richlands Coal Co. and a large shareholder in the Dominion Fire Insurance Company, of Tazewell.

The News has chronicled many a death in its day, all of which were sad, of course, many of which peculiarly so, but it is no exaggeration to say that the death of Rufus Harman was in all respects the saddest and most universally lamented of them all. To his family it seemed to be a calamity unbearable, and to the community an irreparable misfortune. He was the light and idol of his family, every member of whom he loved as devotedly as he was beloved.

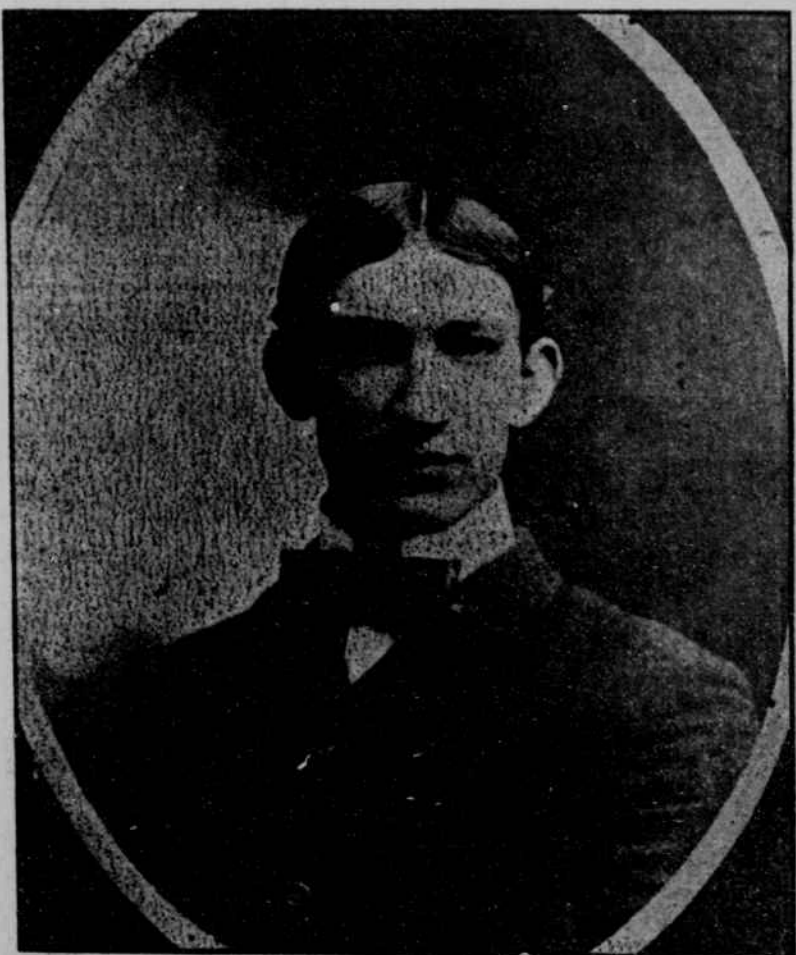
His moral and religious character and life was a light to guide which no darkness could obscure and no storm extinguish. His popularity was so universal in his community that all

classes experienced the loss of a friend when he went away. His enthusiasm, success and integrity in the business world was a wonder, admiration and inspiration as well, and his entire life, short though it was, a song of victory. His life was an actual proof of the ability of a young man to be strictly moral, religious, happy, and at the same time successful in business. "Wild oats" he never sowed, and consequently there was no harvest to gather. He had no one redeeming trait—all his traits were admirable, and there were no blotches

den deep in the earth, and there will be a resurrection of flower and leaf again when springtime comes. "There is no death, what seems so is transition"—not passage with the pale ferryman to an imaginary shore. The life that now is is unmistakable proof of a life yet to come, and mystery and doubt and death exist only in name.

Letter from Rufus A. Harman to His Mother.

The following letter was written by Rufus A. Harman to his mother from



THE LATE R. A. HARMAN.

spots to mar the symmetry of his life. Nature illustrated in him what she can do when at her best. His influence will remain. All is not lost when the good die. No star ever set that did not rise and shine upon some other shore. The sun sinks behind our horizon and leaves behind pleasant and hallowed memories painted on summer clouds, but will rise again to gild the morning of a higher life. Leaves fall and flowers fade under the cold touch of frosts and storms, but nature only destroys the signs of life. The life is hid-

Georgel, Wise County, Va., five years ago when he was stenographer for the coal company at Toms Creek, he being eighteen years of age at the time. This letter is indicative of the spirit and character of its author.

Georgel, Va., Sept. 8, 1899.

My own dear Mama:  
I have just received your letter and was so glad to hear from you. Oh, I knew my mother would not go back on me. That song to me is so true: "There is no one like mother." And "There is no one who can take place of mother."

In later years I begin to realize what a mother's love is, and I love her because she first loved me.

I have been pained so often of late to see you worry, and felt like I did not help your many burdens like I ought to, and many, many times have I in secret planned when the time would come that you and papa would not be worried over providing for the family, when Jim and I could assume all of this, and you all sit back in an easy chair and enjoy life. You deserve to spend your old days in pleasure and enjoyment, free from all worry and uneasiness, and if the Lord allows us all to live long enough and me to keep my health, it is the growing wish of my heart for it to be so. Sometimes I think I will not go to school any more, just on that account.

You say you are willing to live on half rations and wear plain clothing for me to be at home. Not a bit of it. I have some part to play in the matter, and I will stay here until you and papa say come home. You can have a new silk dress if you want to, and I will pay for it; if you can have anything else you want in my power to give it to you.

This is hard work and it is hard to stay away from home and loved ones, but I will stay if it is necessary.

Love to all,  
Your devoted son,  
RUFUS A. HARMAN.

### Pocahontas Newslets.

Pocahontas, Va., Oct. 12.—Mr. S. H. Joffe, manager of the Elks Opera House, of Bluefield, was in Pocahontas this week.

The Pocahontas Collieries Co., of this place, who have had an office in Philadelphia for the past twenty years have now changed to New York city and occupy the 6th floor of No. 30 Pine St.

The children of Mr. Spangler, of Moore St., have the scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Black spent the Sabbath in Bluefield.

Miss Rebelle Browning has returned home from Culpeper, Va., where she was maid of honor at the Hood-Ward wedding.

Mrs. I. Baach returned home Sunday from Cincinnati, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Elsinger.

Work at the mines and on the coke yards is better than it has been for a number of years. The Collieries Co. now have all their 900 coke ovens burning and Pocahontas is illuminated in a grand style these nights.

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## WYSOR SPEAKS AT RICHLANDS

Democratic Standard Bearer Addresses Large Crowd of Ladies and Gentlemen.

Cedar Bluff, Va., Oct. 12.—Your correspondent had the pleasure of hearing the eloquent and masterly address of Hon. J. C. Wyso at Richlands on last Friday evening, the 7th inst.

The address was delivered in the Town Hall to an audience of two hundred and fifty or three hundred people, who had assembled to hear the distinguished standard bearer of Democracy.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. T. A. Repass, of Cedar Bluff, an old ex-confederate soldier, in a few well timed remarks, and for two hours the large crowd, many ladies being present, listened attentively to the discussion of the political issues of the canvass as enunciated from the lips of so able a leader of the Democracy of the Ninth district.

During the address rounds of applause greeted the speaker.

This was a field day for the Democrats of the west end of Tazewell, and we are confident that Wyso's visit to Richlands will result in great good to the party.

The Democrats are alive to their duty, and on the 8th day of November will speak with no uncertain sound for the gallant nominees of their party.

### How to Vote.

The question is frequently asked, "Does each voter have to take his poll tax ticket with him to the polls and show to the judges of election when he goes to vote?" We answer, no; except those we refer to hereafter.

The list which was certified by Treasurer to Clerk of Court, and by the Clerk posted at each voting precinct in the county, will be furnished to the judges of election at each voting precinct before election by the clerk and when a voter presents himself to vote the judges will examine this list of poll tax payers, and if his name is found there and is duly registered, he can vote, unless he be an old soldier who can always vote without paying poll taxes, if he is duly registered, but no other class are exempt from prepayment of poll taxes. (See election laws, section 38, page 9, paragraph second.)

A voter who has removed from one county to another over twelve months and paid his poll taxes in his former county for 1903 will have to prepay his poll tax tickets to judges of election to vote, because such voters are not on the Treasurer's list as posted. The same will apply to all voters becoming of age since February 1, 1904.

### The Wrong Jones.

Our attention has just been called to the fact that we got the wrong man in our report of the Coroners inquest in the case of the killing of young Henkle, some time ago. It was stated in these columns that William Jones and his son George testified to certain statements, which should have been Freeling Jones and his son George. It will be recalled that William Jones was put on the stand, but knew nothing whatever. His son George was not here. The witnesses who gave the important testimony were Mr. Freeling Jones and his son George. We make this correction in justice to all parties. The names of the Jones got a little mixed in our report, that was all.

### Clinch Academy.

North Tazewell, Va., Oct. 12.—School opened on the 4th inst. with an enrollment of 97. At this writing there are 114 on roll.

The new school building does credit to both school officials and the carpenters. This new school now bears the name of Clinch Academy.

The teachers are as follows: J. P. Brahe, Prin.; Miss Annie L. Grose, First Assistant; Miss Lucy Stuart, Second Assistant.

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## FRESH MEATS.

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### Shrader.

Miss Ethel McGuire is teaching school at Big Creek.

Mrs. J. A. Hagy, of Knob, is visiting her parents this week.

Mrs. Grati McGuire is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. Albert Waldron is at home now. He has been with the U. S. army for three years.

Quite a number of our people attended the Yates funeral in Horsepen Cove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sayers are expected back from St. Louis in a few days.

## How Dollars Are Made.

As a rule they are coined at the United States mint—that is one way. Another way to make dollars is by saving. And the only way to save dollars—if you have them invested in a home, is to have that home insured against fire, lightning, tornado and flood, in one of the rich old line English Companies, represented by

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### Distinguished Democrats.

Hon. Henry G. Davis, Democratic nominee for Vice-President, D. B. Hill, Jo. W. Bailey, Jno. W. Daniel, Isadore Raynor, Wm. Pinckney Whyte, Jno. H. Holt and C. Wood Dailey, in their tour of the state of W. Va., will speak in Bluefield next Tuesday at 2 p. m. Doubtless many Tazewell people will go to hear and see these distinguished men.

### The Charges Against Col. Slemp.

The article in this paper, making charges against Col. Slemp, the Republican candidate for Congress from this district, was published in the Washington County Journal, and elsewhere, and sent to us for publication. The charges are old, and have been made before. We know nothing whatever of the truth or falsity of these allegations, and offer our columns freely to Col. Slemp for any explanation or denial he may see fit to make.

### Fires in Town.

There were two narrow escapes from serious fires in town. One night last week a small fire occurred in the residence of the Editor of this paper, caused by burning soot. A mantle in the dining room was injured, lambrequin and table cloth burned, but no serious damage done, as fire was discovered in time.

Last Wednesday night a large pile of dry kindling wood was observed to be on fire just back of the Tynes store house, the upper story of which is occupied by Mr. John Bowser's family as a residence. Both these fires occurred early in the night, fortunately, and were discovered in time to avert serious damage.

### Most Popular Ladies.

The contest for the most popular married and single lady in Tazewell, inaugurated by Jackson some time ago, has closed. Mrs. F. D. Kitts and her sister Miss Nannie Alexander were the successful contestants. The former received a handsome ten-dollar wrist bag, and the latter a \$17.50 kodak. Both ladies are daughters of Capt. J. D. Alexander, the police Sergeant of this city, and are very attractive and charming ladies. Miss Maggie May, daughter of Mr. S. D. May, was a close second for the single lady's prize—the vote standing, Miss Alexander, 1192, Miss May 1165.

## FLAGMAN KILLED ON THE RAIL

John Barrow, of Bluefield, Meets Horrible Death—Either Fell Asleep, or Was Knocked Off the Train.

John Barrow, 24 years of age, died in Bluefield on Monday of injuries received at Burke's Garden switch Sunday night. Before his death he said that he fell off his train, and also that some one had struck him, and later that he must have fallen asleep on the track. The exact manner of his injury will never be known, perhaps.

Barrow was flagman on the train which brought the Main show to Tazewell, and was put off at the switch to flag any incoming train. The engine of the show train, on its return, was the one that ran over Barrow. His lantern was extinguished, and hence he was not seen by the engineer. Barrow's right arm was crushed, and his left hip dislocated, besides other cuts and bruises.

### Wonderful Statements.

Here are a few of the wonderful statements, or rather misstatements, made in this campaign by the Republican papers: That Cleveland while President entertained a negro in the White House. This was denied by Mr. Cleveland, and his letter of denial was read on the floor of the House of Representatives, and the originator of the story was put to great confusion, and confessed that he didn't know where the story came from. But the Republicans have either forgotten this denial or think that the people have.

Another: It is now stated that the incident of the little negro boy and white girl did not occur in Chicago and that President Roosevelt did not really invite Booker Washington to dine at the White House, and that old soldiers must pay a poll tax in order to vote.

This list of misstatements, if not absolute falsehoods, might be increased, but these are enough to show that honest, fair true issues seem to be scarce.

### Ladies Invited

Governor Montague will speak here tonight. There will be a crowd, of course, and special arrangements will be made to accommodate the ladies, many of whom will wish to hear the distinguished Governor of the State.

### Silver Wedding.

Judge and Mrs. J. H. Stuart have issued invitations to the celebration of their silver wedding. This interesting anniversary occurs October 22nd.

### A Card of Thanks.

Mrs. R. A. Harman, J. N. Harman and wife and family desire us to say that no words of theirs can adequately express their appreciation of the services of physicians and nurses and others rendered during the fatal sickness of R. A. Harman, and for the many expressions of helpful sympathy received from all their neighbors and friends.

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